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In re application of
Michael Lamphere et al.
Serial No. 09/994,342
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For: TANDEM BLISK ELECTROCHEMICAL MACHINING

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION UNDER RULE 181(a) TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT, filed May 18, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed May 14, 2004, be withdrawn since the applicant did not receive the Office letter mailed September 25, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee), and is evaluated under the procedures regarding an acceptable showing of non-receipt of an office action, TMOG 1156 O.G. 53, November 16, 1993, (see also MPEP 711.03(c) - NEW PROCEDURE TMOG 1170 O.G. 114). A review of the petitioner's evidence indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicant or any authorized representative of the applicant did not receive the Office letter mailed September 25, 2003. The evidence provided includes a statement by the petitioner that the Office letter mailed September 25, 2003 was not received, a statement that a search of the file and docket records was made, and a statement that the search revealed the Office letter mailed September 25, 2003 was not received. Also provided is a copy of the attorney's application docket records where the Office letter mailed September 25, 2003 would have been posted had it been timely received.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to pending status. The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for prompt remailing of the Office letter originally mailed September 25, 2003 and restarting of the period of response from the remail date thereof.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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